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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 and add new claims 5-8, as indicated in the following listing of claims, which replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A roof rack comprising:

a pair of roof rails extended in parallel each other and connected to a roof of a vehicle;

a cross rail for connecting the roof rails; [[and]]

stopper mechanism including a handle operable for fixing the cross rail to the roof rails, the stopper mechanism further including a cam member and a contact member for contacting the cam member;

wherein the cross rail is movable relative to the roof rail when the handle is at a first position and the cross rail is immovable relative to the roof rail when then handle is at a second position;

a spring fitted in an attaching groove formed on a holder and inserted into an opening portion of the roof rail to be maintained and a rim portion of the opening portion of the roof rail is sandwiched between the holder and the spring:

and wherein the roof rails compressively contact a holder movable relative to the roof rails upon movement of the contact member relative to the cam member when the handle is at the second position, and a shaft penetrates holes provided at the central portion of the cam member and the contact member.

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 (Previously Amended) The roof rack according to Claim 1, wherein the roof rails compressively contact by the movement of the contact member when the handle is at the second position.

- 3. (Original) The roof rack according to Claim 2, wherein the contact member is fixed to the handle and is provided with a projection portion and the cam member is fixed to a holder which is movable relative to the roof rails and is provided with a cam surface which contacts with the projection portion.
- 4. (Original) The roof rack according to Claim 3, wherein the holder is compressively contacted with the roof rails by the cam member when the handle is at the second position.
- 5. (New) A roof rack comprising:

a pair of roof rails extended in parallel to each other and connected to a roof of a vehicle;

a cross rail for connecting the roof rails; and

stopper mechanism including a handle operable for fixing the cross rail to the roof rails, the stopper mechanism further including a cam member and a contact member for contacting the cam member;

wherein the cross rail is movable relative to the roof rail when the handle is at a first position and the cross rail is immovable relative to the roof rail when the handle is at a second position;

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and wherein the roof rails compressively contact a holder movable relative to the roof rails upon movement of the contact member relative to the cam member when the handle is at the second position, and a shaft penetrates holes provided through central portions of the cam member and the contact member.

- 6. (New) The roof rack according to Claim 5, wherein the roof rails compressively contact by the movement of the contact member when the handle is at the second position.
- 7. (New) The roof rack according to Claim 6, wherein the contact member is fixed to the handle and is provided with a projection portion and the cam member is fixed to a holder which is movable relative to the roof rails and is provided with a cam surface which contacts with the projection portion.
- 8. (New) The roof rack according to Claim 7, wherein the holder is compressively contacted with the roof rails by the cam member when the handle is at the second position.